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of May next. It will connect Cincinnati and
the Ohio River with Manhattan and Lake Erie.
The aggregate increase of the tolls on the
Public Works, compared with those of last
year, is \$63,104.50. This is rather considerable,
and, considering the number and importance
of these works, and the increase in the business
of the country. But, we must not forget the
vast multiplication of facilities for carriage,
the opening of new roads, and improvement of
old ones, in all parts of the State.

Ohio Canal.—In 1833, the amount of mer-
chandise shipped via this Canal, at Cleveland,
was 9,896,440 lbs. Its trade pretty steadily
increased, until in 1839, the quantity shipped
both at Portsmouth and Cleveland, rose to 26,
211,017 lbs. Since that time, there has been a
gradual falling off, so that during the last
year only 16,729,383 lbs. were shipped. This
has taken place chiefly in the upper portion of
the Canal, the shipments from Cleveland hav-
ing been reduced from 19,125,382 lbs. in 1839—
to 11,532,440 lbs. in 1844. Those from Portsmouth
during the last four years, have varied but lit-
tle, being between five and six millions every
year. The proportion of merchandise shipped
from Cleveland, arriving at Portsmouth, has
decreased remarkably almost every year. In
1836, it was 5,193,784 lbs; in 1844, only 1,476,
107.

The following shows the proportions of five
leading articles shipped via Ohio Canal, in the
year 1844.

Wheat and Flour, brls. 115,469

Wheat, (including Flour) bush. 3,624,223

Lard, lbs. 5,639,456

Wool, lbs. 978,734

Coal, bush. 540,305

Of the Wool, 848,878 lbs. were received at
Cleveland, 129,916 at Portsmouth. The in-
crease in the shipment of this article has been
remarkable, the quantity having steadily risen
from 82,102 lbs. in 1839, to 978,734 lbs. in 1844.

The last year it more than doubled the quan-
tity of the year before.

Wooling Canal.—The following table
gives the proportions of several articles shipped
on this Canal, since its completion:

Wheat, bush. 1842. 1843. 1844.

Wheat, bush. 31,731 31,731 109,714

Wool, brls. 3,554 6,395 10,080

Wool, lbs. 80 5,511 41,926

Hocking Canal.—The following statement
shows that, owing to the diminution of the
wheat crop, the trade of this Canal is rather at
a stand.

Wheat, bush. 1840 1841 1842 1843 1844

Wheat, bush. 12,982 20,627 41,262 39,296

Wool, brls. 274 6,163 13,662 30,464 11,960

Wool, lbs. 31,881 40,229 127,853 118,004

Wooling Improvement.—In 1844, the Ohio
transported on this improvement amounted to
23,494 brls. in 1844, to 97,558. The pounds of
merchandise received at Harman, to pass up the
improvement, were in 1841, 117,148; in 1844,
3,415,647. No one, after this, can doubt the
vast importance of such an improvement. In
view of the efforts of the General Government,
to make the upper portion of the Ohio River
navigable during low water the Board think
the termination of this work, so as to render
the connection with the Ohio River at low wa-
ter, safe and certain.

Miami Canal.—The Board furnishes a table
of the shipments and receipts on this canal at
Cincinnati, of some of the principal articles,
from 1839 to 1844, and remarks, that "there has
been a steady and gradual improvement in the
business of this canal for the last three years."
This is true, but it should be remembered, that
for the last six years, there has been a steady
and remarkable decrease in the trade of this
canal. For instance, the amount of merchan-
dise shipped from Cincinnati during the three
years ending 1841, was nearly twice as great
as the amount during the last three years, clos-
ing with 1844. The quantity of flour, and
pork, received during the last three years, is
also considerably less than during the three
years preceding them. All this is owing to
the facilities for land conveyance to and from
Cincinnati, which have been so greatly multi-
plied within a few years past. The ultimate
effects of such improvements, especially of the
various rail roads now in progress, and in con-
templation, can scarcely be predicted.

The Smithsonian Institute.

We are glad to see that at last there is a pros-
pect of disposing of the Smithsonian fund, in
accordance with the intentions of the testator,
James Smithsonian. The original amount of this
fund was \$908,318. The bill which has just
passed the Senate, provides for loaning this
to the United States Treasury, from the third day
of December, 1838, at the rate of 6 per cent.

The interest which, on the first of next July
will amount to \$209,103, is to be appropriated
to the erection of suitable buildings, the en-
closing and preparing of suitable grounds, and the
purchase of books and instruments, for the
Smithsonian Institute. The interest thereafter
accruing is to be devoted to the maintenance
of the institution, the principal in no case to
be touched.

There is to be a Board of Managers, composed
of the Vice President and Chief Justice of the
United States; three members of each House of
Congress, to be appointed by the presiding offi-
cer of each; seven other persons, two of them
members of the National Institute, the rest citi-
zens of the States, no two of whom shall be
from the same State. The members from Con-
gress are to be elected annually; the Vice Presi-
dent and Chief Justice to continue man-
agers so long as they shall hold their respective
offices; the other managers to be elected annu-<

Monday, February 3, 1845.

The Indians—Their Condition and Prospects.

One of the most important documents submitted annually to Congress, is the report of the Commissioner on Indian Affairs. A melancholy interest is felt in watching the movements of the original possessors of this continent, now struggling, though too late it is to be feared, to maintain their existence by adopting the habits of civilized life. And this interest is deepened, as we see the white man stretching his rod of empire over the shores of the Pacific, and gradually, but fatally narrowing the hunting grounds of the dwellers in his solitudes. Already his fearful apprehension seized the hearts of these helpless people, and they begin to speak in deprecating tones to the formidable strangers who have appeared among them.

A brief review of the report referred to will be instructive:

The number of Indians now in the Territory west of the Mississippi, natives of that country, is 162,290. Number removed from east of the Mississippi, 89,348. Present number of those removed, 85,473. Remaining east, 31,587. Whole number west of the river, 235,763. Whole number east and west, 267,350.

Of the indigenous tribes west, the most powerful are the following:

The Apaches, numbering 99,880. The Cheyennes, 19,800. The Arapahoes, 19,800. The Pawnees, 3,000. The Sioux, 25,000.

The largest tribes of the emigrating Indians, are:

The Cherokees, numbering 36,911. The Choctaws, 19,410. The Creeks, 25,338.

It is painful to see the population of the latter decreasing, and we have no doubt, that could accurate annual returns of all the tribes be obtained, a continual decrease of the whole would be demonstrated.

No removals have been made during the last twelve months, except of six Chickasaws, who voluntarily emigrated from the State of Mississippi; but contracts have been made for the removal of the Miamies, in the State of Indiana, and the Choctaws, numbering about 7000, who have remained in that of Mississippi.

A third attempt to negotiate with the Camanche and other wild tribes of Indians, treaties of friendship, in connection with the government of Texas, was made last autumn, in order to secure the border settlers from destructive depredations. The result is not yet known, but hopes are entertained of a favorable issue.

One part of the report deserves special attention. When the Wyandots were removed from Ohio, the United States solemnly stipulated to pay them the full value of their improvements, ceded by them in this State and in Michigan; the valuation to be made by ten persons, to be appointed by the President of the U. S., who should be sworn faithfully to do justice to the parties; and the amount to be paid at such time after the lot of April, 1843, as might be acceptable to the Wyandots. Our government had the whole matter in its own hands. The appraisers were appointed, but their report not having been received when the estimates were made at the last session of Congress, the sum of \$300,000 was put down as the supposed value of the Wyandot improvements. Subsequently the appraisers made their report, estimating the improvements at \$125,937.24. The Department, although deeming the valuation excessive, very properly held that the United States were bound by the treaty to pay the money; especially as there was no evidence or allegation of fraud, and so informed the proper committee. But Congress refused to appropriate the required sum, and the Executive thereupon ordered a re-appraisal of the lands: The report of the valuers, this time, made the valuation \$60,153.24!

More petty and contemptible conduct, never disgraced a great nation. The handful of Wyandots, peaceable, industrious and happy, must be dispossessed of their lands, banished from the graves of their fathers. The United States Government assumes the sole prerogative of valuing their lands, and binds itself by treaty obligation to pay them promptly the amount of such valuation, when made by its own appraisers. The Indians repose upon its good faith and generosity. The appraisement is made—but what does our just and generous Government do? Horror-stricken at the idea of paying these poor creatures, once lords of the soil now usurped by white men, some forty or fifty thousand dollars more than the exact value of their improvements, it coolly violates the treaty, repudiates its promises, and orders another appraisement, to see whether it cannot drive a better bargain with the six hundred and twenty victims of its power! The scoundrel, who sneakingly and in the dark, does on a small scale, acts of injustice which he would not dare to perpetrate in his dealings before the world, is branded as at once paltry and wicked. If he does not act out the part of the highway robber, it is because his cowardice restrains his ruffianism. Who does not know that, had the Government made such a contract with a Power able to hold it responsible, it would as soon have thought of eating fire, as of thus swallowing its own words? For God's sake, if Congress has any lingering feeling of virtue or shame left, let it appropriate at once the full amount of the first appraisement—and that will fall infinitely short of a just compensation to these poor creatures for the injury we have inflicted upon them.

There are other parts in the Report we notice with less dissatisfaction. The Sioux and Chippewas as far back as tradition reaches, previous to the year 1842, were at deadly strife with each other. Both tribes were eminently ferocious and warlike. But, in 1842, under the mediation of our Government, a compact of amity was concluded between them, which has had the happy effect of restraining their hostility ever since. This shows what may be done, by discreet management, even with savages.

The Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan, are rapidly improving. A majority of them is so far advanced, so socially and morally, as to be qualified for citizenship. They have addressed a memorial to the President, praying that they may have a permanent location in the land of their birth, and ultimately the rights and privileges of American citizens. Many of them are connected by blood and marriage with the white people in their neighborhood, and the Legislature of Michigan has favorably considered their memorial.

The report speaks in strong terms of condemnation of the infernal traffic in whisky which is doing more than all other causes combined, to ruin the Indian.

"Worse for the red man, however, than the food and fiery worm, is the traffic in whisky, to which our own citizens lend themselves from the most contemptible and sordid motives. Outraged, every principle of morality, all law and the dictates of humanity, they deliberately place the instrument of destruction in his hand, and persuade him to use it, brutalizing him and making victims of his wife and children, that they may fraudulently pick his pocket and strip him of the blanket that covers it."

The opinion, however, is expressed, that the vice of drunkenness is not so prevalent as it was in former years—not because the whites have grown more merciful, but because of the improvement in the morals of the Indians themselves. The laws of the United States against this abominable traffic among these untutored people, are by no means efficient. Pecuniary penalties avail nothing—the trafficker ought to be held and treated as one of the vilest of criminals.

We intended to say something of the state of education among the Indians, but must defer further remarks till to-morrow.

General Assembly.

In the Senate on the 27th, the bill to incorporate the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, was postponed indefinitely.

In the House, a bill concerning the creation of the new county of Wyandotte, gave rise to a very learned discussion about the principles of our Government—ancient and modern democracies, civilization, barbarism, and other interesting topics, too numerous to mention.

A resolution was soon after carried by acclamation, that all debates on party-politics be postponed till members returned to their constituents. Our representatives are men of high resolve.

On the 28th, in the Senate, the Committee on Medical Colleges reported in favor of the indefinite postponement of the bill to incorporate the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati. A bill to incorporate the Mutual Life Insurance of Ohio, was reported back with amendments.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

To amend the act to allow juries before justices of the peace.

To explain the act incorporating the Astronomical Society of Cincinnati.

To authorize the Commissioners of Clark county to subscribe to the capital stock of the Little Miami Railroad.

The bill to incorporate the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, was reconsidered, and referred.

In the House, the bill to establish the new county of Wyandotte, was passed—Upper Sandusky is the county seat.

From the New York Evangelist.

Immediate Emancipation.—A Sketch.

BY MRS. HARRIET BEVERIDGE STOW.

It may be gratifying to those who desire to think well of human nature, to know that the leading incidents of the subjoined sketch are literal matters of fact, occurring in the city of Cincinnati, which have come within the vision of the writer's personal knowledge—the incidents have merely been clothed in a dramatic form, to present them more vividly to the reader.

In the hall of the hotel of our Queen city, a young gentleman, apparently in no very easy frame of mind, was pacing up and down the room, looking alternately at his watch and out at the door of the hotel, as if expecting somebody. At last, he rang the bell violently, and a hotel servant soon appeared.

"Has my man, Sam, come in yet," he inquired.

The polished yellow gentleman, to whom this was addressed, answered with a polite, but somewhat sinister smile, that nothing had been seen of him since early that morning. "Lazy dog! full three hours since I sent him out to B— street, and I have seen nothing of him since."

The yellow gentleman, remarked, with a malicious grin, that "them boys was mighty apt to show the clean heel when they come into a free State."

"Oh, no; I'm quite easy as to that," returned the young gentleman; "I'll risk Sam's ever being willing to part from me. I bought him here, and he was sure of him."

"Don't you be too sure," remarked a gentleman from behind, who had been listening to the conversation. "There are plenty of mischievous fellows in this city, who will do you Southern gentlemen, to interfere with your family matters, and decoy off your servants."

"Did I see Sam talking at the corner with Quaker Simmonds?" said another servant, who meanwhile had entered.

"Talking with Simmonds, was he?" remarked the last speaker, with irritation; "that rascal Simmonds does nothing else, I believe, but to take away gentlemen's servants. Well, if Simmonds has got him, you may as well be quiet; you'll not see your fellow again in a hurry."

"And who the deuce is this Simmonds?" said a young gentleman, who, though evidently of a genteel mould, was now beginning to wear a look of ill-will, and who was to interfere with other people's affairs?"

"You had better have asked those questions five days ago, and then you would have known a close eye on your fellow; a meddlesome, ranting Quaker rascal, that all the black hounds, east to, to be helped into Canada, and nobody knew where all."

The young gentleman jerked out his watch with increasing energy, and then walking fiercely up to the colored waiter, who was setting the dinner table with an air of provoking audacity, he thundered at him, "You rascal, you understand this matter; I see it in your eyes."

"Our gentleman of color bowed, and with an air of mischievous intelligence, protested that he never interfered with other gentlemen's matters, while sundry of his brethren in office, looked unutterable things out of the corners of their eyes."

"There is some cruel plot hatched up among you," said the young man. "You have talked Sam into it; I know he never would thought of leaving me unless he was put up to it. Tell me now," he resumed, "have you heard Sam say anything about it? Come, be reasonable," he added, in a milder tone, "you shall find your account in it."

Thus adjured, the waiter protested he would be happy to give the gentleman any satisfaction in his power. The fact was, Sam had been pretty full of notions lately, and had been to the door of Mr. P., and had been to Mr. W., and as he never saw any more of him, he was as good as dead. And as hour passed, the whole day, the whole night, and no Sam was forthcoming, the truth of the surmise became increasingly evident. Our young hero, Mr. Alfred B., was a good deal provoked, and strange as the fact may seem, a good deal grieved too, for he really loved the fellow. "Loved him," says our young hero, "as a slaveholder loves his slaves." Yes, brother; why not? A warm-hearted man will love his dog, his horse, even to grieving bitterly for their loss, and why not credit the fact that such a one may love the human creature, whom accursed custom has placed on the same level. The fact was, Alfred B. did love this young man; he had been appropriated to him in childhood, and Alfred had always redressed his grievances, fought his battles, got him out of scrapes, and purchased for him with liberal hand, indulgences to which his comrades were strangers. He had taken pride to dress him smartly, and for his hardihood and want, they had never come near him.

"The poor, silly, ungrateful puppy!" solilo-

quized he, "what can he do with himself!—Confound that Quaker, and all his meddlesome tribe—been at him with his bloody-bone doctrine, I suppose—Sam knows better—the scamp—Hullo, there," he called to one of the waiters, "where does this Simmonds—Simmons—Simmons, or what'd ye call him, live?"

"His shop is No. 5, on G street."

"Well, I'll go to him, and see what business he has with my affairs."

The Quaker was sitting at the door of his shop, with a round, rosy, good-humored face, so expressive of placidity and satisfaction, that it was difficult to approach in real feeling.

"Is your name Quaker?" demanded Alfred, in a voice whose natural urbanity was somewhat sharpened by vexation.

"Yes, friend; what dost thou wish?"

"I wished to inquire whether you have seen anything of my colored fellow, Sam; a man of twenty-five or thereabouts, lodging at the Pearl Street House?"

"I rather suspect that I have," said the Quaker, in a quiet, meditative tone, as if thinking the matter over with himself.

"And is it true, sir, that you have encouraged and assisted him to get up my carriage?"

"Such, truly, is the fact, my friend," replied the Quaker, with a placid, full-blooded tranquillity of countenance, which seemed to say, "Pray, sir, relieve your mind; do not be particular, so long as you like it."

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ready to small persons rather than principles. The slave system as a system, perhaps, concentrates more wrong than any other now existing, and yet those who live under it may be, as we see, enlightened, generous, and amenable to reason. If the system alone is attacked, such minds will be the first to perceive its evil and to turn against it; but if the system be attacked through individuals, self-love, wounded pride, and a thousand selfish considerations, will be enlisted for its preservation. We therefore submit it as the moral of our story, that a man who has had the misfortune to be born and bred a slaveholder, may be enlightened, generous, and capable of the most disinterested regard to the welfare of his slave.

Congress and Texas.

The following is the record of the proceedings on the resolutions of Milton Brown of Tennessee, which he moved as amendments to Mr. Weller's.

JOINT RESOLUTION declaring the terms on which Congress will admit Texas into the Union.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress doth consent that the Territory properly included under and within the limits of the Republic of Texas, may be erected into a new State, to be called the State of Texas, with a republican form of government, to be adopted by the people of said territory, by deputies in convention assembled, with the consent of the existing government, in order that the same may be admitted as one of the States of the Union.

Sec. 2. And be it further resolved, That the foregoing consent of Congress is given upon the following conditions, and with the following guaranties, to wit:

First, Said State to be formed, subject to the adjustment by this government of all questions of boundary, and the constitution thereof, with the proper evidence of its adoption by the people of said territory, to be laid before Congress for its final action, on or before the first day of January, next, and all public lands, and all public debts, and all public property, and all public claims, and all public liabilities, and all public obligations, and all public responsibilities, and all public duties, and all public functions, and all public powers, and all public privileges, and all public immunities, and all public franchises, and all public rights, and all public interests, and all public concerns, and all public affairs, and all public matters, and all public business, and all public transactions, and all public dealings, and all public contracts, and all public engagements, and all public obligations, and all public responsibilities, and all public duties, and all public 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